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Date: Tuesday, 4 February 2020 at 06:33
To: Jeremy Farrar [REDACTED] (b) (6)
Subject: Re: Prevalence of infection and stage of the epidemic in Wuhan

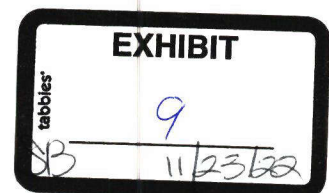
Here's our summary so far. Will be edited further.

It's fundamental science and completely neutral as written. Did not mention other anomalies as this will make us look like loons. As it stands it is excellent basic science I think, which is a service in itself.

Will finish as soon as we can.

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From: Fauci, Anthony (NIH/NIAID) [E]
Sent: Tue, 4 Feb 2020 11:23:44 +0000
To: Collins, Francis (NIH/OD) [E]; Jeremy Farrar
Subject: RE: Prevalence of infection and stage of the epidemic in Wuhan

Agree. Very thoughtful summary and analysis. We really need to get WHO moving on getting the convening started.

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Yes, I'd be interested in the proposal of accidental lab passage in animals (which ones?).

Francis

From: Jeremy Farrar (b) (6)
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Being very careful in the morning wording

"Engineered" probably not.

Remains very real possibility of accidental lab passage in animals to give glycans. Will forward immediately or if you want to give Eddie a ring.

Eddie would be 60:40 lab side. I remain 50:50...

On 4 Feb 2020, at 10:58, Collins, Francis (NIH/OD) [E] (b) (6) wrote:

Very thoughtful analysis. I note that Eddie is now arguing against the idea that this is the product of intentional human engineering. But repeated tissue culture passage is still an option – though it doesn't explain the O-linked glycans.

Francis

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Sent: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 2:01 AM